

# Mission

a sideways look at Dayspring's reason for living

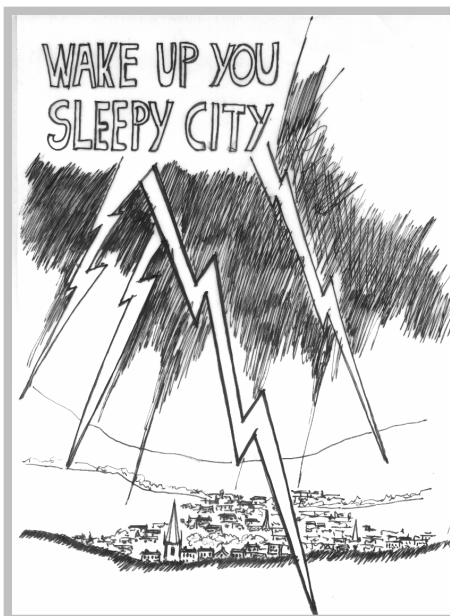
We exist to  
wake up  
Wiltshire

1 To the  
love of  
the  
Father

2 To the  
good  
news of  
the Son

3 To the  
power  
of the  
Spirit

4 To  
church in  
the 21<sup>st</sup>  
century



WE CAME ALIVE to the need for the whole of our county to wake up when we realised that sleepiness was a key factor in the spiritual climate. The team from Toronto in January 2000 said that they too had felt a spirit of slumber -- right across the area. We are told that in individuals sleepiness is often evidence of a wounded spirit -- it is a response to rejection.

This Edwardian postcard carried the caption "If you're troubled by sleeplessness come to Chippenham". We are glad to live in a peaceful area but a sleepy one? -- No way!



## PROGRESS SO FAR

**FROM OUR WORMS' EYE VIEW** it doesn't always appear that there is much happening but when you look back, there are some things that look like stirrings. What about the Millennium Eve event prophesied with such accuracy by Varian -- two years before? Then there was the praise march earlier this summer and Dave is increasingly meeting with people who are influential in the area. That's all happened in the last nine months. What could happen if we stay on track for the next nine years?

## TREE PLANTING FOR ACTIVISTS

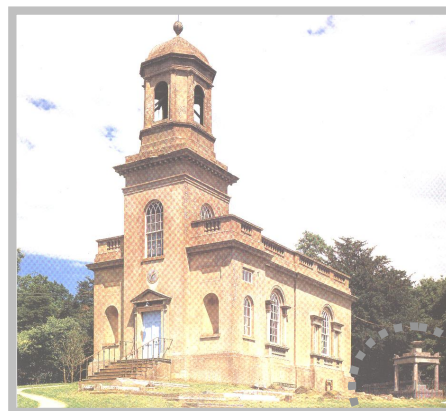
OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS Dayspring people have planted more than twenty trees around the county. Why? It's a prophetic act that *acts out* our confident expectation that we will see relevant life-filled churches springing up all over the county. In a way we don't care if the plants don't grow. We are staking our faith on God raising up viable forms of church for villages and hamlets -- not just towns. That project was started when Andy Weeds felt God show him what to do. Tree planting is a long term business -- so is seeing God change a county.

Mission provides us with a life-purpose; it is our direction. But we need other big ideas like vision -- what its going to look like when we get there -- and values -- how we are going to get there



## THERE'S ONLY ONE CHURCH

When Nick Pettingale visited Dayspring in May 2000 he started his talk by telling us that he saw two doors with four hinges. We are only one of the hinges which he felt must be in place for the doors of salvation in this area to open... We never had thought that we could reach Wiltshire--or even North Wiltshire--alone. But Nick made sure we won't forget that we are only part of the answer. So one of our mission priorities is to find the other hinges--groups, churches or groups of churches -- whatever they might be. That is going to take high quality time, prayer and steady effort!



## HIGH PLACES --

Hardenhuish means Harden's "high place" so it's not all that surprising that in the church yard there there is an indication of what may be one of the powers that dominate this area and even cause its sleepy spirit. The circle in the picture highlights the tomb of David Ricardo the 19<sup>th</sup> century economist who did so much to justify paying low wages. In fact Ricardo's theories so appalled Karl Marx that he began to work on his dream for a better world.

## ISN'T THIS ALL A BIT WEIRD?

Peter Zulu, who is something of an expert in dealing with ancestral spirits, was with us in July 2000 and visited some of the sites that people have associated with spiritual blockages including Avebury and the Roman baths. He had no feelings about the other sites -- just very interested -- but when we made a flying visit to Hardenhuish, he told us. Wow! That's a real high place! So the question is: *HOW FAR HAS RICARDO AND HIS VICTORIAN FAT-CAT PALS LEFT OUR PART OF WILTSHIRE WITH A LEGACY THAT MAKES THE PLACE SLEEPY AND UNRESPONSIVE?* Interesting when you think that we are told that Chippenham is a league winner for numbers of banks and building societies!

IT ALL ADDS UP: our internal quality affects the mission!

~~Impure~~ + ~~Immovable~~ + ~~Impatient~~ = ~~Impossible~~